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SUBJECT: MINOR STUDENT DISTURBANCES IN DAKAR

1. SCATTERED DEMONSTRATIONS BY DAKAR LYCEE STUDENTS SPILLED INTO STREETS FEBRUARY 22 AND 23, LEADING TO SEVERAL INCIDENTS OF TRAFFIC DISRUPTION AND ROCK-THROWING WITH RESULTANT GLASS BREAKAGE IN PASSING SOTRAC BUSES AND OTHER GOS-OWNED VEHICLES.

2. EMBASSY SOURCES ARE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT DISTURBANCES STEMMED FROM STUDENT COMPLAINTS AT LYCEE BLAISE DIAGNE IN DAKAR'S SUBURBAN "POINT E" SECTION OVER QUALITY OF MEALS. STUDENT DISSATISFACTION WAS COMPOUNDED BY REPORTS THAT HOUSEKEEPER WAS DIVERTING KITCHEN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL USE. SYMPATHY DEMONSTRATIONS THEN SPREAD TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING
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LYCEE VAN VOLLENHOVEN IN CITY'S CENTRAL PLATEAU AREA.

3. GOVERNMENT HAS REPORTEDLY AGREED TO DISMISS HOUSEKEEPER AND EXPECTS STUDENT TEMPER TO COOL IN DAY OR SO. HOWEVER, DEMONSTRATIONS COULD CONCEIVABLY PICK UP NEW STEAM IF SOME UNFORESEEN INCIDENT WERE TO GALVANIZE LATENT STUDENT GRIEVANCES INTO POLITICALLY-ORIENTED PROTEST.

4. GOS DETERMINATION TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT DURING VISIT OF ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEAUDESCU (BEGINNING AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 23) IS EVIDENT IN PROMINENT POSTING OF ARMED, RIOT-HELMETED GENDARMERIE UNITS IN VICINITY OF LYCEES AND UNIVERSITY (WHICH HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED SO FAR). PRESENT SCALE OF INCIDENTS POSES NO RPT NO GENERAL THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO DISRUPT CEAUDESCU VISIT OR MOST NORMAL ACTIVITIES. SURETE SOURCES INDICATE THAT POLICE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ENJOINED TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT AND AVOID VIOLENCE EVEN IN FACE OF PROVOCATION, THOUGH THERE ARE REPORTS THAT A FEW STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ROUGHED-UP.

5. LOCAL MEDIA HAVE NOT REPORTED DEMONSTRATIONS TO DATE AND DAKAR CAMPUSES WERE QUIET AS OF MID-DAY FEBRUARY 23.
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